

**EXPANDING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES
JOINT TASK GROUP**

ALBERMARLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

APRIL 5, 2006

10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Mastropaolo, Co-Chairman, Director, 15th District Court Service Unit, DJJ, SLAT; Paul Scott, Vice Chair, SLAT Task Group Member, Institute of Family Centered Services; James Howard, Director Green County Department of Social Services, SLAT Chair, League of Social Service Executives; Wanda Sadler, Hallmark Youthcare, SLAT Task Group Member, VCOPPA/VAISEF; Vicki Hardy-Murrell, SLAT Task Group Member, Parent; Kim McGaughey, Executive Director, Office of Comprehensive Services; Pat Haley, Co-Chairman, Presbyterian Home and Family Services; Lloyd Tannenbaum, Rivermont Schools, Lynchburg, Chair, Central Virginia Regional CPMT – Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford City/County, Campbell, Lynchburg; Shirley Ricks, Director, DMHMRSAS Child and Adolescent Services; Gina Wilburn, Community Services Board Child and Adolescent Director

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlotte McNulty, Executive Director, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board, SLAT, Virginia Association of Community Service Boards; Tamara Tamoney, Virginia Department of Social Services; Pam Fisher, CSA Technical Assistance Coordinator, OCS); Joyce Kube, Virginia Federation of Families; Martha Kurgans, DMHMSAS Child and Family Services; Brian Meyer (Chair, Virginia Treatment Center for Children; Wayne Berry, Department of Education

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Pat Haley, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Haley welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested each person to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

BRIEF OVERVIEW: Mr. Haley requested a brief overview of SLAT and 330F. James Howard, SLAT Chair, presented the overview of SLAT, the advisory role to the SEC and local CMPT's, including the three present workgroups, i.e. Training, Technical and Best Practices, Policy and Program Implementation, and Involving Families Proactively. Shirley Ricks, Director, DMHMRSAS and Gina Wilburn, presented the overview of 330F, a legislative study group to provide recommendations to the General Assembly and DMHMRSAS on non-mandated children and adolescents. The study group has made formal recommendations on the use of evidenced-based practices and subsidizing training programs for mental health professionals, primarily psychiatrists and psychologists, to address system-

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wide shortages. The study group is also working on further development of mental health school based programming and building parental support.

DEFINITION OF PROBLEM/TASK: Mr. Haley asked the work group to define our task based on the guidelines provided by Kim McGaughey. The group defined the scope as: 1) Expanding community based services, 2) Assessing service needs across all children, mandated and non-mandated, to determine how to best pool funds and provide effective services for children, 3) evaluation of the effectiveness of residential services with focus on outcomes, 4) Flexible pooled funds and using CSA funds flexibly, 5) Pooling funds across communities to create economies of scale, 5) Pilot projects with incentives for localities to be creative in providing community services such as intensive case management, strength-based service planning and family strength programs, school based mental health services; and 6) SLAT and 330F presenting a united position when presenting to the legislature on similar issues.

There was extensive discussion about using Hampton and Norfolk as best practice models of community systems of care, expanding DMAS funding flexibility, identifying how flexible pool and CSA funds can be efficiently utilized, always keeping the child and family first. Mr. Howard reminded the group that small localities might not have the funding or local government support to implement some best practice models.

IDENTIFICATION OF DATA NEEDED:

The group requested information on flexible funds, restrictions on fundings, and what pool funds are presently available, Hampton's best practice model, and other best practice models for the next meeting. This information will be utilized to select models and funding streams that could be used and replicated throughout the Commonwealth with the goal of providing a seamless system of care.

OTHER: Kim McCaughey encouraged task force members to attend the outcomes presentation by Mark Friedman on May 5' 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the CSA office.

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NEXT MEETING:

Three dates were selected as possibilities for the next meeting: May 30, May 31st and June 6th. The meeting will be held at Albermarle County Government Building, Room B, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. once a firm date is selected.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.